IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Robert J. Harman et al.

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COMPOSITIONS AND KITS COMPRISING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 6, 2009, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-3, 20-23, 32, 37, 38, 80, and 96, for examination at this time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.